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4. (Amended) A method as claimed in any preceding claim, further comprising allocating one or more time slots to each of said non real-time calls from the time slots in said frame not allocated to each of said real-time calls, a number of said time slots allocated to said non real-time call being variable during said non real-time call according to a current bandwidth allocation determined for said non real-time call.

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5. (Amended) Apparatus for assigning time slots within a TDMA frame of a frequency channel to a plurality of calls between a base station and one or more mobile terminals, said calls being either real-time time calls or non real-time time calls which have less sensitivity to delay than real-time time calls and comprising at least one real-time call requiring a plurality of time slots per frame; the apparatus comprising:

means for determining which of said plurality of calls are real-time calls requiring allocation of a plurality of time slots in said TDMA frame; and

means for allocating said time slots in said frame to said real-time calls such that the plurality of time slots allocated to each of said real-time time calls are mutually spaced apart in said TDMA frame in said frequency channel.

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6. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in ^{claim 1} ~~claim 5~~, wherein said means for allocating are further arranged to allocate one or more time-slots to each of said non real-time time calls from the time slots in said frame not allocated to each of said real-time calls, a number of said time slots allocated to said non real-time call being variable during said non real-time call according to a current bandwidth allocation for said ^{non real-time} ~~non real-time~~ call.

Kindly and the following new claims:

9 17. (New) The method as claimed in claim ⁵ ~~1~~, wherein at least one of the real-time calls comprises a voice call.

18. (New) The apparatus as claimed in ^{claim 1} ~~claim 5~~, wherein at least one of the real-time calls comprises a voice call.

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